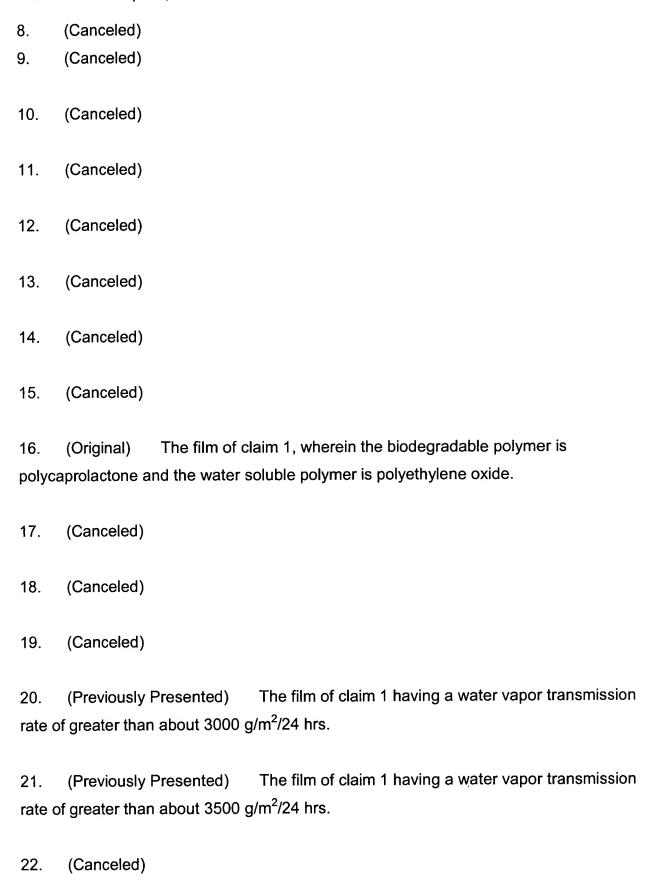
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## In the claims:

This listing will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the subject application.

- (Currently amended) A biodegradable stretched film comprising:
  a biodegradable polymer; and
- a water soluble polymer, wherein the film <u>has a thickness from about 0.01 to</u> <u>about 5 mils</u>, is breathable and further wherein the film is porous and wettable and is stretched from about 100 to about 500 percent of an original length to provide a water vapor transmission rate greater than about 2500 g/m²/24 hrs and an elongation at break of greater than about 100%.
- 2. (Original) The film of claim 1, wherein the biodegradable polymer is an aliphatic polyester.
- 3. (Original) The film of claim 1, wherein the biodegradable polymer is selected from the group consisting of polycaprolactone, polybutylene succinate, poly(butylene succinate-adipate), polylactic acid, terpolymers of terephthalic acid, adipic acid, and 1,4-butanediol, and copolymers and mixtures thereof.
- 4. (Original) The film of claim 1, wherein the water soluble polymer is selected from the group consisting of polyethylene oxide, polyethylene glycol, polyvinyl alcohol, and copolymers and mixtures thereof.
- 5. (Original) The film of claim 1, wherein the water soluble polymer is polyethylene oxide, polyethylene glycol or a copolymer thereof.
- 6. (Canceled)
- 7. (Canceled)

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- 23. (Previously Presented) The film of claim 1 having an elongation at break of greater than about 200%.
- 24. (Previously Presented) The film of claim 1, wherein the film includes from about 1% to about 50% water soluble polymer by weight of the film.
- 25. (Previously Presented) The film of claim 1, wherein the film includes from about 5% to about 30% water soluble polymer by weight of the film.
- 26. (Previously Presented) The film of claim 1, wherein the film includes from about 50% to about 99% biodegradable polymer by weight of the film.
- 27. (Previously Presented) The film of claim 1, wherein the film includes from about 70% to about 95% biodegradable polymer by weight of the film.
- 28. (Canceled)
- 29. (Previously Presented) The film of claim 1 having a thickness of from about 0.01 to about 2 mils.